



Floor Statement

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Chocola Floor Statement on H.R. 3283, the “United States Trade Rights Enforcement Act”

On Tuesday, July 26, 2005, U.S. Representative Chris Chocola (R-Ind.) spoke on the House floor regarding H.R. 3283, the “United States Trade Rights Enforcement Act”. His statement follows:

Mr. CHOCOLA: I thank the gentleman [Mr. ENGLISH] for yielding time.

Madam Speaker, before being elected to Congress, I ran a manufacturing business that did a significant percentage of our sales outside the United States. I have seen the opportunities of free trade and the global marketplace, and I have seen how those opportunities can lead to jobs right here at home. We did business in over 100 countries, including countries like China. I am convinced that China needs to be a strong trading partner with the United States long term. But for China to successfully and fairly participate in the global marketplace, they must live up to their trade obligations. They must respect and enforce intellectual property rights. They must open market access for U.S. goods, services, and agriculture. They must not manipulate their currency to distort trade.

The Trade Rights Enforcement Act offers a wide range of measures to ensure China abides by its international commitments. Madam Speaker, with a level playing field, U.S. businesses can compete with anybody anywhere at any time. With 96 percent of the world’s consumers outside the United States, the global marketplace holds great promise. This bill is a strong tool to make sure China abides by the rules of free trade and puts U.S. businesses in a competitive position to take advantage of those opportunities. I encourage all of my colleagues to support the Trade Rights Enforcement Act.

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